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SECOND AMERICAN NOTE NOT SO SHARP AS FIRST

State Department Intimates That It Is the Last Word From United States--Reiteration of Contentions--Note Be Published Wednesday Afternoon

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the second American note to Austria on the sinking of the Ancona had gone forward and should reach Vienna tomorrow night. While Secretary Lansing gave no intimation of its contents, the note is understood to be a reiteration of the American demands, with the implication that it would be the United States' last word.

The note should arrive in Vienna tomorrow night and will be given out for afternoon papers Wednesday. The note is about 600 words long and, although characterized by those acquainted with its wording as firm in tone, is said to be somewhat less sharp than the first note in the tenor of its demands. It is based largely on Austrian admissions of the sinking and in the case of American survivors, reference is said to be more inferential than direct.

BE MISTRUSTFUL ADMONISH FRENCH

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 20.—The French expression "doutez-vous," which is nearly equivalent to "shut your mouth," though less impolite and familiar, has now become classic through the posters distributed throughout France by Monsieur Millerand, former minister of war, just before he retired from that post, to caution people against repeating military information.

The poster reads: "Doutez-vous; ne faites-vous; les oreilles ennemies vous écoutent." In English it means: "Shut up, or keep silent; be mistrustful, enemy's ears are listening to you."

Hundreds of thousands of these posters have been hung in public places, and the warning they carry has given rise to a number of curious incidents. They have served to increase the suspicion of espionage that is everywhere rife and both civilians and soldiers are loath to be a listening ear.

Such was the case of a loyal Frenchman who happens to be blind and corpulent. There were four women in the compartment of a railroad carriage with him. He lay back in the corner with eyes closed, though not asleep.

"He's too blond to be a Frenchman," one woman whispered. "Too stout," suggested another. "A counterfeit Swiss or Dutchman," a third believed. "And why is he so silent," added another. "He pretends to be asleep, but he is only listening." Denounced to the military commissary at the next station, the blond gentleman showed his safe conduct as a member of the French chamber of deputies.

WHITE HOUSE COUPLE ANSWER MESSAGES

(By Associated Press.)

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 20.—President Wilson and bride abandoned plans to play golf today to reply to hundreds of messages of congratulations. Since reaching here the president and Mrs. Wilson have remained in such deep seclusion that only members of the official party have seen them. They expect, however, to take an automobile ride late today.

Plans for a Christmas tree are under way here, and members of the family are expected to arrive.

No one will deny that Cabot Lodge and Hoke Smith are enthusiastically of one mind in seeing the same thing in a different way.—Washington Post.

The trouble with a number of Republican "favorite sons" is that they are the pet antipathies of a lot of other Republicans or Progressives.—Chicago Herald.

Bulgarians and Greeks Fight

Paris, Dec. 20. (By the Associated Press).—Fighting between small detachments of Greek and Bulgarian troops is reported in a dispatch from Brindisi, Italy, from a Havas News Agency.

It is said that several Greek officers were killed in the engagement and that reinforcements are moving up.

FREIGHT IS TIED UP, EMBARGO DECLARED

Owing to the congestion of traffic in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other eastern ports, the big railroads have notified all southern railroads not to accept freight for delivery at these places unless it be livestock or perishable stuff. Saturday afternoon the local office of the Southern Railway Company received such a notice, and local shippers have been notified of the embargo.

The action of the northern railroad was taken partly as the result of the storm that blocked traffic to the north and partly because of the congestion of traffic in the harbors. The railroads report the terminals blocked with goods for export, and it is said that such congestion was never before known.

Ships are not available to move commerce from the United States to Europe, and there is little prospect of relief. Several carloads of manufactured products for the north have been held up as the result of the embargo, among them being two cars shipped out by Hutton & Bourbonnais Company.

WARREN-CHRISTY APPEAL BE HEARD TOMORROW

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—A member of the supreme court said today that the court will hear the special argument Tuesday in the noted Christy and Ida Warren case and then deliver a batch of opinions Thursday, taking a recess on that day to some time in January when it will reassemble to complete the preparation and delivery of opinions for this term, which has been characterized by an especially heavy run of work. There will likely be a delivery of opinions Tuesday afternoon as well as of Thursday of this week.

A recess to January 20 was necessary in rounding out the work of the fall term last December and the recess this time will be for about the same length of time.

SOLDIERS PIPE FUND IS LATEST WRINKLE

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Soldiers in the trenches of Europe this winter are to be supplied with pipes from the United States and any American who wants to send such a gift to a Belgian, French or a Russian fighter may do so by contributing ten cents to the Soldiers' Pipe Fund.

The men at the front want and need a good durable pipe. The demand for such an article has been very insistent, and Viscount H. Y. de Lendonck, of Wavre Ste-Catherine, Belgium, has undertaken to supply it. He has had a pipe for the purpose: strong, light, safe to clean and sanitary and he has in hand the receipt of contributions and the prompt shipment of the pipe to whatever army of the allies the giver designates.

For a contribution of \$25 the Soldiers' Pipe Fund will deliver to soldiers in Europe 250 pipes and will have printed across the bowl of each a sentence or motto in the language designated by the contributor, and even on the bowl the donor's picture, name and address. For instance, if it is desired to send pipes to British soldiers, the inscription will be in English, Belgians and Frenchmen will receive the gifts suitably inscribed in French; Russians in their own tongue, Italians in theirs, and Serbians in Serbian. For \$1 ten pipes can be sent over the water with a label in the bowl of each giving the donor's name and address, and suitably inscribed on the bowl. Single contributions of ten cents will send one pipe, inscribed on the bowl. Single contributions of five cents will send one pipe, inscribed in the native tongue of the recipient.

The fund will send an engraved certificate of receipt to anyone contributing one dollar or more.

Viscount de Lendonck, who is secretary general of the fund has opened an office at 505 Fifth Avenue, New York city.

Among the patronesses of the fund are Mrs. Charles Steele; Mrs. L. C. Weir; Mrs. Wm. D. Guthrie; Mrs. Eugene Willard; Countess J. de la Greze; and Mrs. F. G. Baner, all of this city.

CANDY AND FRUITS FOR POOR CHILDREN

Practically every organization in Hickory will engage in some form of work Christmas to make people happy. The Young Men's Baraca class of the Methodist church, the Associated Charities, the various churches, and many individuals will take a delight in serving the poor. Mr. M. H. Yount, a local attorney, personally will give a treat of candy and fruits to the poor children of the city Saturday morning between 9 and 10:30, and no little child need be without his Christmas cheer.

Mr. Yount will not discriminate between the youngsters and all will be served. He has made arrangements with the California Fruit Company to serve the little ones, and it is believed that scores and scores will be grateful to him on this day.

As the years pass, there is evidenced more of the desire to be of service to those less fortunate, and Mr. Yount will receive the commendation of all good people for his generosity on Christmas morning.

BRITISH TROOPS TAKEN FROM PENINSULA

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—British troops at Suvla and Anzac on the Gallipoli peninsula have been withdrawn and removed successfully to another point. The following official announcement was made this afternoon:

"All the troops at Suvla and Anzac, together with their guns and stores, have been successfully removed to another point. This was accomplished with small losses."

"Thank God, they are safely out of here without serious loss," is an expression frequently heard today in connection with the transfer of troops from Suvla and Anzac zones to another "sphere of operations," though this invariably is coupled with regret that it should have been necessary to evacuate the one large foothold on the peninsula obtained at such heavy cost.

The toe of the Gallipoli peninsula, the Suvla Bay, commanding the entrance to the Dardanelles, is apparently still to be held as there was no mention of a transfer of troops from this region.

The war office apparently leaves the public to draw its own conclusions as to the disposition of this force of 100,000 men, but it is widely conjectured that any sweep by the Teutonic or Bulgarian armies in the Balkans, whether from the east or northeast, will soon come in contact with them, and the transfer is connected with the determination of the entente powers not to remain on the defensive any longer than it is necessary to push an energetic offensive.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 20.—Specialties were again the main features on the resumption of trading today, industrial shares showing little change. Texas Company, Crucible Steel, United States Industrial Alcohol and Mercantile Marine preferred were one to almost four points higher, with more moderate improvement in coppers. United States Steel soon added to its gain. American tobacco was weak.

NEW YORK COTTON

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 20.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of eight to fourteen points. The advance met offerings from houses with New Orleans and Memphis connections, as well as considerable local realizing, and prices sold down to Saturday's close.

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 20.—Strength developed in the wheat market today as the result of firm cables. The opening high ranged from 14 to 14 1/4, ending December at 14 1/8 and May at 14 1/2, followed by moderate further gains.

COTTON FUTURES

New York, Dec. 20.—Cotton futures opened firm and closed steady.
Active months Open Close
January 11.90 11.93
February 12.25 12.21
March 12.53 12.44
May 12.67 12.58
July 12.87 12.78
October 12.38 12.35

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton 12c
Wheat \$1.40

A good rocker will be a lasting reminder to mother. Bowler Furniture Company has them.

Kansas has been awarded first place for claims at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. This refers to the barnyard variety, although the parlor brand might easily take a high prize also.—Kansas City Journal.

Let us hope that the hungry old Italian Trust won't hear that coal is selling for \$10 a ton in Italy, lest it conclude that we ought to pay it.—Rochester Herald.

FORTY-FIVE COLTS OF PERCHERON KIND

The stockholders of the Catawba Horse Breeders' Association, of which Mr. H. P. Lutz is president, met in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce Saturday afternoon, and received the report on the first year's work. Forty-five colts have been added to Catawba county's array of fine animals since the Percheron stallion, imported from France, arrived a year ago, and it is expected that at least 75 colts will be the result the coming year. The organization is proud of the fine animal.

Those at the meeting were President Lutz, and Messrs. H. Wilson, Isenhour, Lonnie Cline, W. J. Shuford, W. P. Bumgarner and John W. Robinson.

SHOPPERS BUSY IN HICKORY TODAY

Hickory merchants prepared today for the big rush in trade, some of the store-keepers getting to their places of business at 2 this morning in order to catch up with their work. Many orders have come in from out-of-town people, and the merchants were busy filling these.

Today was cold for much activity in the shopping line, but large crowds were in and out of the city all day. Those persons who were not waited in last week are compelled to trade or neglect relatives and friends, and from the way the stores looked in the afternoon, not many people intend neglecting anybody.

Business has been unusually good in this section, both farmers and town folks have money, and they are not hoarding it. Many merchants say that December already has been better than in any similar month in former years.

Fewer people are sending out of town for their holiday goods than ever before, and merchants notice this and appreciate it. The stores here have the same facilities for securing the larger quantities, and what is more, they are getting them.

Red Cross seals also are being purchased in larger quantities than ever before. Mrs. J. Worth Elliott, who is in charge of the sales here, said today that many people were purchasing the pretty little stamps. More than twenty times as many seals have been sold this year as was the case last December.

WHISKEY SELLING HIGH

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—The real excuse for the recent advance of six cents a bottle made by the whiskey and spirit distillers is the alarming shortage of bottles. High prices are paid for bottles of the poorest quality. Manufacturers are told to trouble no longer about the shapes of the bottles, whether square or fancy, but simply to send bottles.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST UPRIISING

(By the Associated Press.)

Peking, Dec. 20.—Special efforts have been made by the Chinese government to check any uprisings that may occur as a result of the monarchic movement and to guard the property and lives of foreigners.

A telegram has been despatched by the central government to the leading authorities in each province urging that soldiers should be appointed to safe-guard any foreign tourists who may be in their jurisdiction. The telegram also directs that adequate protection shall be afforded all missionaries and church property. It concludes with an order for the stationing of efficient troops and policemen at all treaty ports and other places where foreigners live.

With a view of suppressing rebel activities, the central government has offered special rewards for soldiers and officers who put down uprisings. The military leader who suppresses an uprising participated in by more than one hundred rebels will be given a minor decoration and promoted. His soldiers will be given ten thousand dollars, Mexican. For the suppression of more than four hundred rebels, and the money to his soldiers will be forty thousand dollars. Mexican. An hereditary title similar to those conferred by the Manchus and Mongols will be given to the officer who suppresses over six hundred rebels, and his men will get forty thousand dollars, Mexican. The reward for the leader who puts down eight hundred rebels will be the same hereditary title, with fifty thousand dollars, Mexican, for his troops. For the suppression of over a thousand rebels, an officer will be given an hereditary title and his troops will get sixty thousand dollars, Mexican.

INITIAL CARRIER HELD RESPONSIBLE

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—The South Carolina statute making railway carriers liable to one or another and all liable to a shipper for damages to a shipment was upheld today by the supreme court as constitutional. The decision was rendered by Chief Justice White in the case of R. W. Glenn suing the Atlantic Coast Line, the initial carrier, for damages occurring on the Southern Railway, a connecting carrier. The shipment was from Chester to Latta, S. C.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for North Carolina: Probably rain on the coast and snow or rain in the interior tonight and Tuesday; increasing northeast and east winds.

Long Island can still be reached without danger of a hold-up by a French cruiser.—Springfield Republican.

BRITISH FORCES REMOVED FROM TURKISH PENINSULA

Successful Withdrawal From Two Points Announced in London--British Repulse German Attacks at Ypres--Result of Greek Elections Not Surprising.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 10.—Withdrawal of the British troops from the Anzac cove and Suvla bay region in the Gallipoli peninsula is announced in a brief official communication given out this afternoon. Small losses resulted, it was said, but no other information was given.

Some indication of the long-expected engagement of the Germans in Flanders is contained in the British and French reports, which state that under a cloud of gas Germans attacked British trenches northeast of Ypres. According to these reports the Germans failed so completely that few of them moved from their own trenches and those that did so were mowed down by artillery fire. The attack was made early in the morning.

Mines were exploded before the trenches of Armintieres and German infantry attempted unsuccessfully to occupy the craters thus left open.

Along the remainder of the western front artillery duels continue with the French guns developing great fire.

The Russian and Macedonian fronts, so far as is known, are in a state of quiescence. The position of Greece is unchanged.

The Gournaris party is reported victorious in the Greek elections, but the change in leader is not accepted as implying a different military policy. England is impatiently awaiting the crossing of the Greek frontier to see whether Greece will relieve the Saloniki area free for a struggle of which the Greeks would become passive spectators.

In Bulgaria the question is subject of warm debate. The premier's paper declares the allies must be driven from Saloniki, whether by the Germans or the Bulgarians.

The allies in Macedonia do not expect an early attack, as the central powers have not yet gathered a sufficient force to undertake the offensive.

COTTON GINNED 10, 303,253, BALES

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 13 amounted to 10,303,253 running bales, including 140,940 round bales and 83,810 bales of sea island, the census bureau announced today.

Ginning by states: North Carolina, 667,113; South Carolina, 1,098,226.

CHRISTIANS CANNOT BE NEUTRAL IN LIFE

Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of the Methodist church, last night emphatically combatted the idea that one need not publicly accept the Saviour, and that secret acceptance is all that is necessary. In a powerful sermon to a large congregation, Mr. Stanford cited instances in which Jesus had commanded the unfortunate be brought before the multitude. The blind man who sent up his cries for help, and who was brought before the Saviour, and the woman who had been ill for nearly a score of years, were cases in point.

Turning to modern life, Mr. Stanford told of the example of the Yale professor in publicly accepting Christianity and the conversion of the whole student body. He cited another instance, and then told of an experience of his in Watauga county. A well dressed woman, with the marks of culture about her, entered the simple little country church, and the preacher felt that her presence would keep the honest country people back. But at the close of the sermon this woman came up for prayer. She explained that she was reared in a Christian home, had taken in the situation, and thought that her example might be helpful. And it was. Many members of that congregation came to the altar and confessed their sins.

Mr. Stanford declared that we can't be neutral towards God. We are either with Him or against Him. Our lights must shine like a city built on a hill that all can see.

The service was unusually interesting. There was the usual large number of children present and the congregation enjoyed their fine singing. Two small girls rendered a duet that was much enjoyed. The soprano and alto parts were well carried by a French cruiser.—Springfield Republican.

Officers returning from the western front express the belief that fighting there on a big scale is impossible because the country is muddier and altogether in worse condition than last year.

The activity on the Gallipoli peninsula and small Italian gains are the only important military operations reported.

Germany has lost the small cruiser Bremen and a torpedo-boat in the Baltic sea through a submarine attack. It is presumed that the submarine was one of the English undersea squadron which recently has shown enterprise in those waters.

The Turks claim to have sunk a British monitor in the Tigris river near Kut-el-Amara.

The Greek situation remains unchanged. The Greek government is reported to have protested formally against the entente allies fortifying outside Saloniki. This protest may be of the same character as the one lodged against the first landing of troops which was then described as merely a technical one to keep the record clear.

Peace Party Lands

Henry Ford's peace party arrived in Christiania and was welcomed informally by professors and clergymen and the American ministers. Notwithstanding the fact that the party has no official status, Norwegian hospitality and the warm friendship of the Norwegians toward Americans assures the peace party an interesting sojourn during their three days in that country.

Field Marshal French issued an eloquent farewell to the British army in France prior to his turning over the command of the British forces to Gen. Sir Douglas Haig. In it he asserted the conviction that a glorious ending to their efforts was not far distant.

The Earl of Derby, director of recruiting, today told a London audience that he has found the heart of the country was right. He predicted a victory for the entente allies at an earlier date than many persons expected.

The recruits mobilized under the Earl of Derby's plan have already begun drilling in several cities so that they may have some military schooling when they are formally called to arms.

RENTZLER TELLS OF KOENIG'S PLOTS

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 20.—Frederick Rentzler, held in connection with an alleged plot to embarrass the allies by hindering the manufacture of or destroying munitions made a full confession today concerning the activities of Paul Koenig of the Hamburg-American line.

Koenig, he said, had 25 representatives in New York alone and reported his investigations to Captain Boy-Ed, the German naval attaché.

SAY PRESIDENT AND BRIDE WENT THROUGH

Did the President and Mrs. Wilson pass through Hickory en route to Hot Springs to spend their honeymoon? About half the people one asks say they did and the other half is doubtful. At any rate one of the newsboys, Donald Wilford, was said to have sold the president a paper Sunday morning for 30 cents.

Dispatches in the Southern Railway office said the president did not pass through Hickory. Yes, there is a Pullman called the "Mayflower," and it was attached to number 15. The presidential yacht also is named the "Mayflower," and that may account for the confusion.

The fact that some man paid thirty cents for a newspaper is overwhelming proof, in the minds of some, that Mr. and Mrs. Wilson passed through. A bridegroom will scatter money as long as it lasts while on his wedding trip. It might have been another bridegroom.

At any rate, the records are against the folks who insist that the "happy pair" were brought around by Salisbury and Hickory to Hot Springs.

If the president passed through here, his train made good time, because it arrived in Hot Springs at 9 o'clock. And besides, Mr. Marshall Yount, who was reported to have interviewed the president, said he certainly did not see Mr. Wilson on No. 15.

The person who delivered a caged squirrel to the Henry Ford party just before sailing probably figured that as there was a cargo of nuts aboard the little animal would have plenty of food.—New Orleans States.